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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: T. Johnson
MITSURU MAEDA ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/816,119)
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Filed: March 26, 2001)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
: AND COMPUTER READABLE)
: MEMORY)
: March 1, 2004

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004 (February 28, 2004, being a Saturday), Applicants hereby elect Species I, on which Claims 1-6, 17, and 27 are readable, for initial prosecution on the merits.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Signature

March 1, 2004
Date of Signature

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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